

On motion of TRUSTEE ---, seconded by TRUSTEE ---, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton- on- Hudson, New York with a - vote.

Resolution #175-2025

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has introduced Local Law Introductory No. 4 of 2025 to repeal and replace Chapter 208, Trees, of the Village Code to strengthen provisions related to trees on public and private property, as well as enact stiffer penalties for the illegal removal of, or injury to, trees; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees declared itself Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees undertook the process and review described in detail in Parts 2 and 3 of the Short EAF “Determination of Significance” attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board held a public hearing to consider Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2025, which was opened and closed on June 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received a recommendation of consistency from the Waterfront Advisory Committee with the Village’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board must make its own determination of consistency with the LWRP policy standards and conditions; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2025, the Village Board reviewed the LWRP policy standards and conditions,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Village Board of Trustees makes the following findings regarding the applicability of the LWRP policies and the consistency of the Proposed Action with those policies and conditions of the LWRP which it found applicable:

*Policy 6: Expedite permit procedures in order to facilitate the siting of development activities at suitable locations.*

*Policy 7: Significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats will be protected, preserved, and, where practical, restored so as to maintain their viability as habitats POLICY 9B: Encourage passive recreational enjoyment of the wildlife in the designated*

*significant fish and wildlife habitats, on the Audubon Society sanctuaries, Jane Lytle Arboretum, Gouveia Park, and on other public or private lands within the Village where wildlife habitats are located, as well as the protection of such resources.*

*Policy 18: To safeguard the vital economic, social, and environmental interests of the State and of its citizens, proposed major actions in the coastal area must give full consideration to those interests, and to the safeguards which the State has established to protect.*

*Policy 19B: Increase public access to areas that offer physical and visual connection to the Hudson River or Croton River and Bay.*

*Policy 23: Protect, enhance, and restore structures, districts, areas, or sites that are of significance in the history, architecture, archaeology or culture of the State, its communities, or the Nation.*

*Policy 25: Protect, restore, or enhance natural and man-made resources which are not identified as being of statewide significance, but which contribute to the overall scenic quality of the coastal area. (The following scenic areas were noted in the LWRP as having local and regional significance: (1) Distinctive and scenic views of Croton Point, (2) Views of the Hudson River from South Riverside Avenue and Route 9 corridor, and (3) Vegetated slopes and undisturbed ridgelines particularly those in the viewsheds in the Croton Gorge, River and Bay areas.)*

*Policy 25A: Establish and protect identified public viewsheds of the Hudson River, including but not limited to the public views of the Hudson River from the western shoreline of the Village, and of the Croton River and Gorge. (The following scenic areas were noted in the LWRP as having local and regional significance: (1) Distinctive and scenic views of Croton Point, (2) Views of the Hudson River from South Riverside Avenue and Route 9 corridor, and (3) Vegetated slopes and undisturbed ridgelines particularly those in the viewsheds in the Croton Gorge, River, and Bay areas.*

*Policy 37A: Control of the development of hilltops, and steep slopes should be exerted in order to prevent erosion and minimize runoff and flooding from new construction.*

*Policy 41: Land use or development in the coastal area will not cause national or State air quality standards to be violated.*

*Policy 44: Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits derived from these areas.*

*Policy 44A: Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing damage from erosion or situation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and protecting against flood and pollution.*

The remaining policies and conditions of the LWRP not specifically discussed above, were reviewed and found not to be applicable, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that based upon the above, the Village Board of Trustees confirms its determination that the Proposed Action, the adoption of a local law to strengthen provisions related to trees on public and private property, as well as enact stiffer penalties for the illegal removal of, or injury to, trees, complies with the policy standards and conditions set forth in the Village's LWRP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby issues and adopts the EAF Parts 2 and 3 Determination of Significance attached hereto and adopts a Negative Declaration in connection with this action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 4 of 2025 to repeal and replace Chapter 208, Trees, of the Village Code to strengthen provisions related to trees on public and private property, as well as enact stiffer penalties for the illegal removal of, or injury to, trees, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 13 of 2025.

Dated: July 9, 2025